

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
NEW ALBANY DIVISION

In re: _____) Chapter 11
) _____
EASTERN LIVESTOCK CO., LLC,) Case No. 10-93904-BHL-11
) _____
 Debtor.) _____

**TRUSTEE'S OBJECTION TO CLAIM 419 FILED BY BERTRAM CATTLE HAULING
AND NOTICE OF RESPONSE DEADLINE**

James A. Knauer, the chapter 11 trustee appointed in this case ("Trustee"), pursuant to Rule 3007 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure ("Bankruptcy Rules"), hereby objects (this "Objection") to claim 419 (the "Claim")¹ filed by Bertram Cattle Hauling ("Bertram"). The Trustee requests that the Court enter an order reclassifying and allowing the Claim as a general unsecured claim in the amount of \$44,116.35. In support of this Objection, the Trustee respectfully states:

Jurisdiction

1. This Court has jurisdiction over this Objection under 28 U.S.C. § 1334. This matter is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(B). Venue of this proceeding and this Objection is properly in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

2. The statutory bases for the relief requested herein are 11 U.S.C. §§ 502, 506 and 507 and Rules 3001 and 3007 of the Bankruptcy Rules.

Background

3. On December 6, 2010 (the "Petition Date"), an involuntary chapter 11 bankruptcy petition was filed to commence a chapter 11 case (the "Chapter 11 Case") against

¹ All references herein to the claim number are to the number assigned to the Claim by BMC (see paragraph 5 below) and not to the number, if any, assigned to the Claim by the Court's online claims register. For further explanation, see paragraph 5 below.

Eastern Livestock Co., LLC ("Debtor") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Indiana, New Albany Division (the "Court").

4. On December 27, 2010, the Court entered an order approving the appointment of the Trustee and on December 28, 2010, entered an order for relief.

5. On March 17, 2011, the Court entered an order approving The BMC Group, Inc. ("BMC") as the Trustee's claims and noticing agent in the Chapter 11 Case. Pursuant to that order, BMC was authorized and directed to, among other things, maintain the official claims register ("Claims Register") for all filed proofs of claim in the Chapter 11 Case. A copy of that Claims Register and all filed proofs of claim in the Chapter 11 Case can be viewed at <http://www.bmcgroup.com/restructuring/Claims.aspx?ClientID=271>.

Request for Relief

6. By this Objection, the Trustee seeks entry of an order reclassifying and allowing the Claim as a general unsecured claim in the amount of \$44,116.35.

7. The Claim asserts a priority claim in the amount of \$44,116.35, checking the box indicating a claim for wages, salaries or commissions pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4). However, Bertram was not an employee of Debtor; Bertram was a contract trucking company that hauled cattle at Debtor's request. Bertram's Claim is therefore not entitled to priority under 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4) or any other provision of the Bankruptcy Code. In addition, priority claims under 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4) are limited to no more than \$11,725.

8. The Trustee therefore objects to the Claim and requests that the Claim be reclassified and allowed as a general unsecured claim in the amount of \$44,116.35.

Notice of Response Deadline

9. If Bertram wishes to contest the relief requested in this Objection, Bertram

must file a response with the Court within thirty (30) days of the service of this Objection ("Response Deadline"). Responses must be filed with the Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Indiana, New Albany Division, 110 U.S. Courthouse, 121 West Spring Street, New Albany, IN 47150 no later than 4:30 p.m. EDT on the Response Deadline and served on Trustee's Counsel, Faegre Baker Daniels LLP, 300 N. Meridian Street, Suite 2700, Indianapolis, IN 46204 (Attn: Dustin DeNeal). **IF NO RESPONSE IS FILED BY THE RESPONSE DEADLINE THE COURT MAY SUSTAIN THE OBJECTION TO THE CLAIM WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE OR HEARING.**

WHEREFORE, the Trustee respectfully requests that the Court enter an Order reclassifying and allowing the Claim as a general unsecured claim in the amount of \$44,116.35 and granting the Trustee all other just and appropriate relief.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on March 8, 2013, a copy of the foregoing pleading was filed electronically. Notice of this filing will be sent to the following parties through the Court's Electronic Case Filing System. Parties may access this filing through the Court's system.

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